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February 12, 2019

Honorable Steven H. Neinast
Honorable Gabriel P. Soto
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Re: Consolidated SOAH Docket No. 473-19-1265, Consolidated PUC Docket No. 48785;
*Joint Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, AEP Texas Inc., and
LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Amend Their Certificates of Convenience
and Necessity for 345-kV Transmission Lines in Pecos, Reeves, and Ward Counties,
Texas (Sand Lake-Solstice and Bakersfield-Solstice)*

Dear Judges Neinast and Soto:

This letter is filed on behalf of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) and AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) in response to SOAH Order No. 2, which required the filing of a brief on uncontested issues by February 12, 2019. This letter is being filed in lieu of the required brief.

LCRA TSC and AEP Texas have been working diligently to resolve the routing of the Bakersfield-Solstice project that was originally docketed as PUC Docket No. 48787, to avoid the need for a route hearing. A stipulation is currently being circulated that would allow this to occur. A separate stipulation is also being prepared to address the issue of need. Combined, the routing stipulation and the need stipulation will eliminate the necessity of a hearing in regard to the Bakersfield-Solstice portion of this consolidated docket and allow the Bakersfield-Solstice application to be returned to the Commission as an uncontested matter. LCRA TSC and AEP Texas anticipate filing the stipulations, a motion to sever and remand, and a proposed final order on or before February 15, 2019. Because we do not believe a hearing will be necessary regarding the Bakersfield-Solstice project, we are writing to advise you of this to satisfy our obligations under SOAH Order No. 2. Counsel for LCRA TSC and AEP Texas intend to be at the prehearing conference scheduled for February 15, 2019, and will update you as to the status of the stipulations and related documents at that time.

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Further, from the ALJs' order issued on February 8, 2019, LCRA TSC and AEP Texas first learned that Christine Graybill and Mary Graybill-Rees were requesting to remain in this case as parties. Neither of those individuals has filed either a statement of position or testimony in this case that has been served on counsel or filed on the PUC Interchange. At the prehearing conference, counsel for LCRA TSC and AEP Texas will be prepared to discuss the party status of these individuals with the ALJs.

Sincerely yours,



Craig R. Bennett

cc: PUC Central Records
All parties